

U.S. PASSPORTS FOR MINORS (DS-11)



WHY APPLY FOR A U.S. MINOR PASSPORT?

Every child, regardless of age, needs a passport to travel abroad, and all U.S. citizens must enter the U.S. on a U.S. passport.



WHO NEEDS TO COME TO THE APPOINTMENT?

- The child
- Both natural parents*
(if listed on the birth certificate)



***IF ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE PRESENT AT APPOINTMENT**

- The absent parent must:
 - complete a signed, notarized [DS-3053](#): Statement of Consent form (only valid within 90 days of signing)
 - Submit a photocopy of the front and back of the same **photo ID** presented to the notary public

***IF ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN HAS SOLE AUTHORITY**

- If one parent/guardian is deceased, the other parent must bring:
 - The official, certified death certificate
- If one parent/guardian has sole passport-approving authority, they must bring:
 - A court order or judicial declaration of sole custody and/or sole passport decision-making authority

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

All documents should be in original form –
no photocopies will be accepted

1. Evidence of Child's U.S. Citizenship
2. Evidence of Parental Relationship
3. Valid Photo Identification
4. Parental Consent of Absent Parent
5. Child's Previous U.S. Passport, if applicable
6. Passport Photo
7. Application Form
8. Passport Fees

WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP?

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA)
- Previous undamaged U.S. passport



WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP?

- Adoption decree
- CRBA
- Foreign birth certificate
- U.S. birth certificate



WHAT COUNTS AS PHOTO IDENTIFICATION?

- Parents (and children if they have one) must present a valid photo identification document. Examples include:

- A Valid Driver's License

- An Argentine DNI



- A current, undamaged U.S. passport

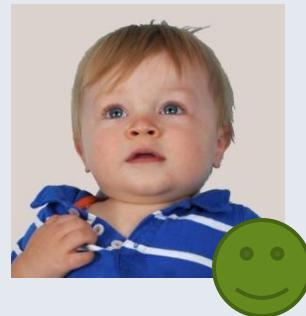
DOES MY CHILD NEED ADDITIONAL PHOTO IDENTIFICATION?

- If your child is renewing a passport, and the first passport has a baby picture, you will need to provide **age progression photos**
 - Amount necessary is *at least one picture per year aged* since original passport photo
 - Show child's full face



PASSPORT PHOTO

- Recent passport photo (taken within 6 months)
- Color photo with white background
- Correct size (5 cm x 5 cm)



For more examples, refer to:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/photos/photo-examples.html>

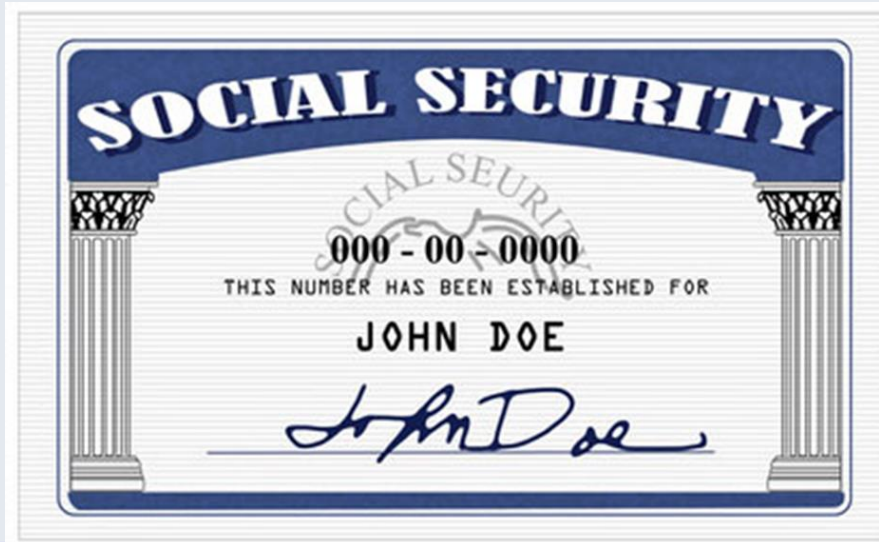
FORMS

- [DS-11](#) – Application for a U.S. Passport
 - Bring the *completed* form to your appointment!
- [DS-3053](#) (if only one parent or guardian attends the appointment)



DO I NEED A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER?

- The [DS-11](#) asks for your social security number (SSN)
- All U.S. citizens are required to have a SSN
 - Contact the Federal Benefits Unit at SJRegion@ssa.gov for information on applying for a SSN.
 - If your child is under 12 and you are also applying for a CRBA, see our [CRBA Guide](#) about obtaining a SSN.



FEES

Passport application: \$105

(Additional delivery fee payable to DHL)



PASSPORT DELIVERY VIA DHL

- All non-emergency passports are returned via DHL
- Applicants must visit the **DHL branch at Avda. Cabildo 1209**, Buenos Aires, to arrange payment
 - We recommend going *before* your appointment. Bring the airway bill sheet with tracking number.
 - Visiting DHL after appointment may delay delivery

IMPENDING TRAVEL?

- Please ask for an emergency passport
- Provide tickets or itinerary



MAKING AN APPOINTMENT AT THE EMBASSY

No service can be provided without an appointment!

- Use our [online scheduling system](#)
- Choose the service for your appointment
- Print appointment confirmation
- Bring all required documents with you to the embassy